(c) the efforts being made to ensure that more and more people may get employment under the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) No. Sir. NREGA is a demand driven programme. The Act was launched in 200 districts on 2.2.2006 and was extended to 130 additional districts with effect from 1.4.2007. During the year 2006-07, a total of 2 12 crore households demanded employment out of which 2.10 crore were provided employment. During 2007-08, up to January, 2008, a total of 2.82 crore households have demanded employment out of which 2.80 crore have been provided employement.

(c) To ensure that more and more people get employment under NREGA, the following measures have been taken:

(1) Generating Awareness

Various steps have been taken to generate awareness about NREGA, Gram Sabhas and one day orientation of all Sarpanches at the Block level have been held. Local vernacular newspapers, Radio, T.V. Films and Cultural forms are being used for the purpose. Leaflets and brochures in local language are being provided. Village camps have been organized by the District team and NGOs and Self help Groups are being associated in the awareness generation.

(2) People's participation

(i) Village level monitoring committees have been set up and trained.

(ii) Non Governmental Organisations are being involved for awareness generation under NREGA.

(iii) Gram Sabhas are held.

Creation of jobs under NREG Scheme

739. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, if so, the details of the extent to which the scheme has been implemented so far; and

(b) the number of jobs created so far under the scheme and people provided with employment, giving details area-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) was launched in 200 districts with effect from 2.2.2006. The Scheme was extended to 130 additional districts with effect from 1.4.2007. The Government has notified all the remaining rural areas of the country for coverage under NREGS *w.e.f.* from 1.4.2008.

(b) State-wise data for the number of households provided employment, total works taken up and the mandays of employment generated during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 (up to January, 2008) is given in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise number of households provided employment and the mandays of employment generated during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08

Sl. No.	States	2006-2007			2007-2008 (Up to January, 2008)		
		No. of households provided employment	Persondays of employment generated	Total works taken up	No. of Households provided employment	Persondays of employment generated	Total works taken up
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2161395	678.77	221298	3817979	1265.8	425196
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	16926	4.53	496	1652	1.09	23
3.	Assam	792270	572.92	15407	925184	323.47	8884
4.	Bihar	1688899	596.87	61881	2617048	531.78	63451
5.	Gujarat	226269	100.48	8429	213718	65.41	19304
6.	Haryana	50765	24.12	1652	52986	25.44	2096
7.	Himachal Pradesh	63514	29.9	8726	209778	68.07	15500
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	121328	32.3	1958	96972	29.4	4691
9.	Karnataka	545185	222.01	18643	372174	158.87	18645
10.	Kerala	99107	20.48	3041	133951	39.1	10230
11.	Madhya Pradesh	2866349	1971.77	169158	3863673	2048.04	236096
12.	Maharashtra	353024	159.28	10892	248178	127.66	9654
13.	Manipur	18568	18.57	1615	64458	15.34	1232
14.	Meghalaya	96627	24.22	2924	76331	35.7	4183
15.	Mizoram	50998	7.85	263	84954	29.56	951
16.	Nagaland	2788	13.08	128	63920	11.52	552
17.	Orissa	1394169	799.34	51521	818507	286.21	50319
18.	Punjab	31648	15.57	1328	36493	12.26	1977
19.	Rajasthan	1175172	998.87	22049	2027401	1308.58	51952
20.	Sikkim	4107	2.42	158	11695	4.46	319
21.	Tamil Nadu	683481	182.79	6719	906136	546.23	14005
22.	Tripura	74335	50.13	4982	417816	129.96	44064
23.	Uttar Pradesh	2573245	822.91	75500	3790872	909.21	116891
24.	West Bengal	3083757	440.08	43061	3873284	567.37	62075
25.	Chhattisgarh	1256737	700.21	32463	1834149	884.69	65630
26.	Jharkhand	1394108	50.47	63815	1318589	545.82	134655
27.	Uttaranchal	134312	40.6	7253	148928	50.38	8115
	TOTAL:	21016099	9050.56	835360	28026826	10030.45	1370690